

GERMANY REPLIES TO WILSON

WILSON'S NOTE MUCH PRAISED

An Immediate Meeting of Delegates is Proposed by German Government.

SEEKS PEACE FOREVER
An Immediate Exchange of Views Seems to Be Most Appropriate Road.

BERLIN, by wireless to Sayville, Dec. 26.—Germany and its allies, Austro-Hungarian, Bulgaria and Turkey, Tuesday replied to the note of President Wilson in which he asked that the belligerent nations state the aims for which they are fighting. The proposal is made that a conference of delegates of all the belligerents be held immediately in a neutral city. The task of preventing the future wars, the official statement says, can be begun only after the end of the present struggle.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—The text of Germany's answer to President Wilson's note was transmitted Tuesday to James W. Gerard, the American ambassador.

The answer, which also contains the reply to the note of Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey, says: "The high-minded suggestion made by the president of the United States of America, in order to create a basis for the establishment of a lasting peace, has been received and considered by the imperial government in the friendly spirit which was expressed in the president's communication."

"The president points out that which he has at heart and leaves open the choice of roads."

"To the imperial government an immediate exchange of views seems to be the most appropriate road in order to reach the desired results."

"It begs, therefore, in the sense of the declaration made on December 12, which offered a hand for peace negotiations, to propose an immediate meeting of delegates of the belligerent states at a neutral place."

"The imperial government is also of the opinion that the great work of preventing future wars can be begun only after the end of the present struggle of the nations."

"We will when this moment shall have come be ready with pleasure to collaborate with the United States in this exalted task."

The answer of the Central powers concludes with the usual diplomatic terms of politeness.

WAR MUST CONTINUE
SOCIALISTS NOW INSIST

PARIS, Dec. 26.—In addresses at the national congress of the French Socialist party, Arthur Henderson, the British cabinet minister, and G. M. Roberts, member of the British parliament, both affirmed amid enthusiastic cheers that the war must continue until full guarantees have been obtained for a lasting peace.

"In my opinion," said Mr. Henderson, "if France and ourselves were to enter into negotiations under existing conditions we would be nations in bondage. Nothing less than that is the price our enemies would exact for peace today."

Emile Vandervelde, the Belgian Socialist leader, said: "Our comrades who have remained in invaded Belgium support German dominion with a noble firmness. Nothing but encouragement reaches us from them. So it would seem that the persons most hostile to war are those farthest from it."

M. Vandervelde also declared that the struggle must be carried on until Belgium and Serbia are delivered and "Cesarism is laid low."

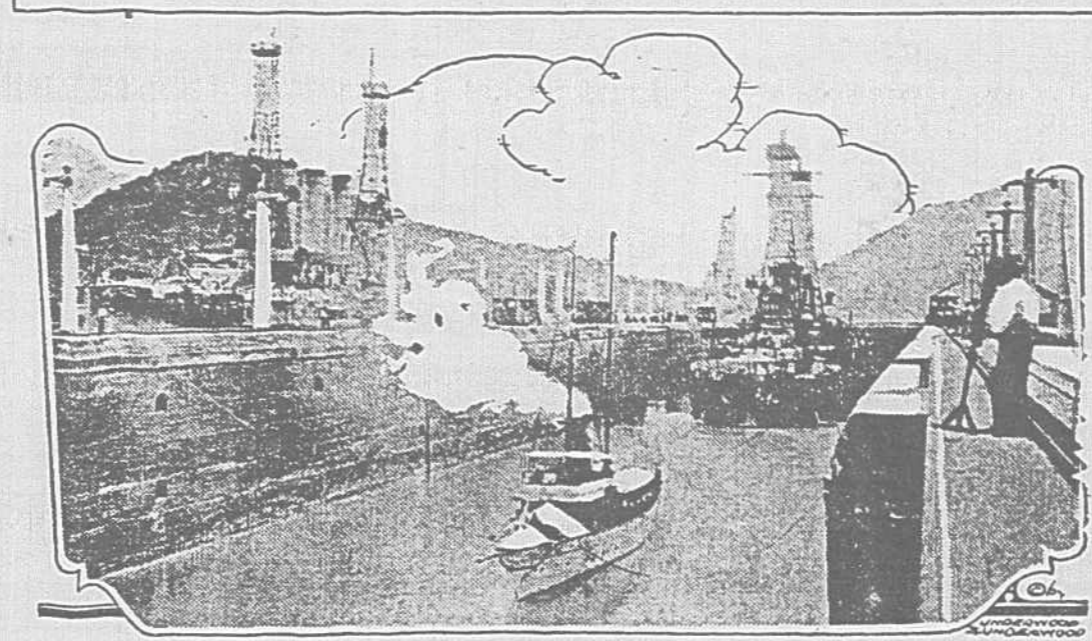
INSTANTLY KILLED
Is Alabama Colored Man When He Falls under Wheels of a Fast Freight Train.

A. D. Hopkins, aged 22 years, an Alabama colored man who came to this state recently to work for the Elk Horn Fuel Company at its mine at Ocean east of here, was killed Sunday afternoon when he jumped off a fast freight train upon which he had been stealing a ride, and fell under the wheels of another car of the train. His left arm was cut off and his head was badly smashed. The deceased man is survived by a brother who works for the same coal company. No funeral arrangements have been made yet.

VISIONS ONLY
Of a Christmas in the Open Has Man Who Has Served Long Time in Prison.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 26.—When John M. Leonard, an attorney, completed his twenty-one years in prison since 1892 and was released from the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., he had visions of a Christmas in the open. There remains, however, one more charge unsatisfied and Leonard, in custody of federal officers, is today en route to New York to stand trial on the charge of robbing the postoffice at Fushkirk of \$300.

FEWER AMERICAN COASTWISE CRAFT USING PANAMA CANAL



American battleships passing through the Pedro Miguel locks of the Panama canal. The way United States coastwise vessels have stopped using the Panama canal is as noticeable as the number and variety of foreign vessels that are taking advantage of the shorter voyage and the reduced expense the canal makes possible. An average of only five coastwise vessels a month is now using the canal.

NEW CLASS

Of Soldiers is Called to the Colors despite the Feeling of Peace in the Air.

ROME, Dec. 26.—The feeling of peace in the air has not affected in the slightest Italy's military activity. The new class, those born in 1898, has been called to report to the colors January 1, which will considerably increase the contingents available for the front while 2,500 factories are running day and night turning out arms and munitions.

From the peaks of Trentino to the shores of the Adriatic, Christmas passed in vigilant watching varying in some spots by sudden attacks, notwithstanding fearful weather conditions. Snow in the mountains is fifteen feet deep.

DUTCH ARE TOLD

Told by German Government to Mind Their Own Business about Belgians.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 26.—The Telegram says it has reason to believe that Germany's reply to Holland's note regarding the deportation of Belgian workmen is framed in such terms that it is inadvisable to communicate it to the Dutch parliament and that the government has requested Berlin to alter the reply in such a manner that it may be presented to the parliament.

The Dutch government last month instructed its Berlin representative to notify Germany that the Belgian deportations had caused a painful impression in Holland. A despatch on December 5 said Germany had responded in words which were tantamount to saying "mind your own business."

HEARINGS ARE SET.

Hearings of Robert Martin and John Hinton under charges of violating the prohibition laws, are scheduled for Tuesday afternoon in Magistrate William E. Starcher. Hinton was arrested at Lloyd Duff's house on First street and Martin in the Williams building early Sunday morning when deputy sheriffs made raids and seized liquor.

man, Walter Whiteman, Gorman Green, Lawson Bartlett and Leona Bartlett.

The church was beautifully decorated in a manner befitting the season and Santa Claus paid his usual interesting visit distributing presents from a heavily laden Christmas tree and treating the Sunday school. At the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday morning the pastor, the Rev. F. V. Arnett, talked to the children on the meaning of Christmas and Santa Claus came at the close of the service with his bountiful treat.

FAMILY NARROWLY ESCAPES FLAMES

J. F. Stout Loses All His Household Goods When Dwelling Burns at Wallace.

WALLACE, Dec. 27.—J. F. Stout, manager and half owner of the Empire theater; his wife and their four small children barely escaped with their lives from their burning home here last night. Flames were enveloping the structure when they were aroused they ran out into the cold clad only in their night clothes. There was no opportunity to save anything and as the town has no fire department, the dwelling, which was owned by Mrs. F. S. Estlack, was soon destroyed. The loss on the house is \$2,000, fully covered with insurance, but Mr. Stout had no insurance and his loss is complete.

The flames set fire to the dwelling house occupied by George M. Dye adjoining the Stout dwelling but volunteer fire fighters worked valiantly in bucket brigades and soon put the fire out. Only a corner of Mr. Dye's house was burned and his loss is slight. Had this dwelling got a good start a string of nice residences adjoining, including the elegant Estlack home, would have been destroyed.

Dye garage, containing some light automobiles, is directly opposite the Stout dwelling and for a while it was feared it might catch fire, some of the automobiles being moved out, but it was not damaged.

PEACE EFFORTS ARE ABOUT OFF

General Carranza of Mexico Must Return a Favorable Answer at Once.

COMMISSION IS TO QUIT
Commissioners Are to Meet in New York Tuesday Possibly for Last Time.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Unless Carranza returns a favorable answer Tuesday to the last communication made to his commissioners by the American representatives a week ago at Philadelphia, the negotiations will come to an end.

The Mexican commissioners will meet at New York Tuesday and if Carranza has sent to them his answer it is expected Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican delegation, will forward it immediately to Secretary Lane, chairman of the American section.

ARTILLERY

Is Reported Active in the Region of Lyon by French War Office.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—"There was nothing to report Monday night with the exception of artillery firing in the region of Lyon," says Tuesday's war office statement.

"Ten of our aviators Monday bombarded the railroad station and barracks at Neule and enemy encampments in the Chaltre wood and at Ourscamp."

WARRANT

Charging Sheriff's Officer with Carrying Pistol is Issued by Magistrate.

A warrant charging John Vannort, special officer employed by Sheriff Ross F. Stout, with violating the anti-weapon law by carrying a revolver without a license therefor Saturday night when he went to help arrest a man at Wilsonburg, has been issued in Magistrate W. O. Nickerson's court at the instance of Robert B. Martin.

The warrant had not been served upon Vannort at the time this article was written.

SCHOONER SUNK

Off Great Point and Other Vessels Are Damaged in a Northwester Gale.

NANTUCKET, Mass., Dec. 26.—The Schooner Rober Drury was sunk off Great Point, the schooner Daniel McLoud was stranded on the northern end of the tip of the point, and the British schooner, "The Rover," wrecked on the southern end of the tip in a norther gale Tuesday. When the Rober Drury struck its crew launched a small boat and landed safely. The crews of the other two ships were brought ashore by coast guards.

Both the Rober and McLoud are coal-laden bound from New Persey ports to the eastward.

NEGRO SUSPECTS

Are under Arrest in Connection with Killing of Four Members of a Family.

MINDEN, La., Dec. 26.—Five negro suspects were under arrest here Tuesday in connection with the killing of four members of the family of John Nelson Reeves at their home about nine miles from Minden Sunday night, although the authorities appear to have nothing definite upon which to base a charge against any of them. Minden is quiet and there is no fear of mob violence.

There is no doubt, the police say, that robbery inspired the crime and that the men responsible for it got away with considerable booty. Mrs. Reeves is said recently to have received a legacy of \$3,500 and to have kept it in a chest with about \$500 Reeves had saved. The chest was broken open and its contents removed.

MRS. MORTIMER DEAD.

Mrs. Belle Mortimer, wife of John Mortimer, colored, died Tuesday morning at her home at 403 Water street following a long illness. Mrs. Mortimer had been critically ill for several days and her death was not unexpected. No funeral arrangements have been made.

SANTA BRINGS DAUGHTER.

Santa Claus visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shields on East Poplar street Sunday morning and left them an eight-pound girl baby. As he had slighted them for seven years, he made their home his first stop this year. Mr. Shields expects to have the new arrival taking orders for W. C. Shields and Sons' grocery after January 1.

Former Resident to Be Buried Here Wednesday

Widow of the Late Judge Harrison to Be Laid to Rest in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Funeral services over the body of Mrs. Mary Pratt Harrison, widow of the late Judge Thomas Willoughby Harrison, who died at 8:30 o'clock Sunday evening at her home in Washington, D. C., after an illness of diseases incident to old age, will be held at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the old Harrison home place in Broad Oaks. The Rev. E. B. Turner, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will conduct the services. The burial will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

Mrs. Harrison's body accompanied by her son, Willoughby, and daughters, Ellen M. and Anna D., arrived here from Washington at 12:40 o'clock Tuesday morning and the body was taken to the home of Samuel R. Harrison in Broad Oaks, where the services will be held.

Mrs. Harrison was a daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Robertson, of Windham, N. Y. Her father, who was a Presbyterian minister, was a descendant of James Robertson, who came to America at the beginning of the Revolutionary war and settled near Washington, serving throughout the struggle of the patriots for American liberty. When the independence of the patriots was finally acknowledged and peace prevailed, he retired to the country of the Catskill mountains, a country like his native highlands, and founded there a home which has ever since remained in the family.

Mrs. Harrison was a member of an old Scotch family, having descended from the Robertsons of the Clan Donachie, of Loch Rannoch, the oldest clan in Scotland, her father being "Pea Choir," a lonely glen behind the Bannoch mountains, and being the sole remaining branch of that royal house which occupied the throne of Scotland during the eleventh and twelfth centuries.

Surviving relatives of the deceased woman are Willoughby Harrison, of Washington, D. C.; Matthew M. Harrison and Samuel R. Harrison, of this city; Misses Ellen M. and Anna D. Harrison, of Washington, D. C.; daughters, and Samuel R. Harrison, Jr., Mrs. A. B. Lohm, Jesse Harrison, Thomas W. Harrison, Lewis W. C. Harrison, children of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Harrison, grandchildren.

Mrs. Harrison was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian church and a good, kind and lovable Christian woman. She leaves a host of friends to mourn their loss.

SHIP SINKING

According to a Wireless and Other Ships Are Rushing to Its Assistance.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The coastwise steamship City of Savannah and the coast guard cutter Aushnet today hurried to the assistance of the steamship Maryland, which shortly after midnight sent out messages stating that it was sinking and asking immediate aid. The Maryland gave its position as about 380 miles east of Sandy Hook. The City of Savannah was 160 miles south of the position given by the Maryland when the call for aid was received. The Aushnet was at Woods-hole, L. I., when orders to proceed to the assistance of the Maryland were received. The Maryland's wireless was out of commission this morning because of the flooding of its engine room, according to word received by wireless operators along the coast.

FLAWS FREELY.

Conversation water seems to have flown freely in Clarksburg Monday than on any day since the state went dry two and a half years ago. City police made fourteen arrests, twelve for drunkenness and two for fighting.

Simmering

Northview Politics Promises to Get More or Less Hot as the Days Pass.

Several days ago an article was handed the Telegram for publication. However, upon investigation, the editors found that it was a political boost, with initials signed. The article was laid aside until names were furnished with the article. Now comes the statement from one of the two men whose names were given, namely, C. M. Bailey, that he wants it plainly understood that he did not sign said article or give permission to any one to use his name. F. H. Proudfoot will likely be heard from next. The incident promises to make simmering Northview politics hot.

THREE HURT

In Automobile Accident on the Brushy Fork Road on Christmas Day.

Glenn Goodwin, of Fairmont, and Charles Goodwin, of the Goodwin settlement, a few miles from Bridgeport, are patients at St. Mary's hospital, suffering from injuries received in an automobile accident at noon Christmas day on the Brushy Fork road, while they and Faust Goodwin and Hart Webb were out to Clarksburg. The automobile went over a thirty-foot embankment when Faust Goodwin, who was driving the car, lost control of it. Webb escaped injury by jumping. Faust Goodwin received a dislocated arm. He left the hospital Tuesday morning. Clearly Goodwin received a broken nose, and Charles Goodwin is badly cut about the ear.

WORK HORSES

In the City of Washington Are Served a Special Menu by Equine Lovers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Work horses of Washington were today treated to the second annual Christmas dinner arranged by philanthropic equine lovers of the city. Oats, fodder, carrots, apples and other dainties not usually served to laboring classes of animals were on the menu. During the dinner, many teamsters and cart drivers took their beasts to the horse show grounds where the feast was served with plenty of food for 1,000. A few high-blooded horses, ridden or driven by wealthy owners, were among the guests.

FIREWORKS BURNS.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 26.—Celebration of Christmas with fireworks was responsible for most of the seventy-five injuries treated at a municipal hospital here Monday. Similar reports were received from other southern cities, where shooting of firecrackers as a Christmas custom is common.

TWENTY PER CENT BONUS.

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 26.—The Arlington Company, a du Pont subsidiary, has granted a twenty per cent bonus on an annual payroll of approximately \$3,000,000.

MARSHALL M. CARR IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Succumbs at Home of Sister at St. Albans, Where He Was Visiting.

Marshall M. Carr, retired druggist and member of an old Clarksburg family, is dead, having passed away early Christmas morning at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. M. Carter, at St. Albans, this state, where he had been visiting. A fatal service was held here the same day and the body was brought to Clarksburg. A further service will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the late residence at 253 East Main street, followed by burial in the Carr family plot in the Masonic cemetery.

Mr. Carr was a son of Dr. Joseph L. and Emeline Carr, both now deceased, and was born in this city in 1851, making his age 65 years. His father conducted a drug store in Clarksburg for more than half a century and Marshall, being trained in the rudiments of pharmacy in the store, took up that profession, which he followed here a number of years. In 1879 he went to Albion, Ga., where he was engaged in the drug business until 1891 when